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Tooling company get tax abatement

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A tooling company in Romulus got a little more than half of what representatives were looking for Monday night.

That's when city council members unanimously approved a 50 percent tax abatement on \$1.1 million in improvements for Future Tool and Machining on Goddard Road. The company will get a break for eight years. The total savings will save the company \$1.2 million in taxes for the life of the agreement.

Company representatives had originally requested a 12-year abatement on the improvements, which would have nearly doubled those savings.

Council members use a points system that measures the amount of the abatement request, the amount of dollars generated by the expansion and the number of jobs provided or maintained. That information is then measured against set time intervals that

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Councilman Harry Crout

determine the number of years the city will provide the tax break.

Located at 28888 Goddard Road, Future Tool is located on a 9.4-acre parcel of land. According to paperwork filed by Larry Frankel of Future Tool, 10 new jobs will be created as a result of the improvements. About 30 percent of company employees live in Romulus.

Tax abatements were created specifically

to retain manufacturing and research and development jobs. Other commercial businesses are prohibited from asking for incentives.

While abatements have been a cause for debate among manufacturers facing a difficult transition in the state economy, city officials are forced to balance the public's interest regarding residents whom feel they will have to pay for tax breaks given to big companies.

Councilman Harry Crout said abatements in a soft economy are a fact of life.

"The best thing to do is keep the jobs here because these plants have opportunities to move to other states, and that would be devastating," he said. "It's better to get a little bit of tax dollars now instead of getting nothing later."

Crout said he hopes the jobs that are created will be offered to Romulus workers.

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High school fails on report card

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A problem with test scores for one sub-group at Romulus High School caused the entire school to fail to meet a federal standard put into place as part of the No Child Left Behind Law.

A group of special needs students who missed the mark on math and reading tests was the reason the school failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), according to Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss.

When school report cards were issued for Michigan districts last week, administrators were surprised to see that the high school failed. The report card noted that had the one group of students met state requirements, the entire school would have met the standard because no other problems were noted, Weiss said.

"A sub-group is any group of students that fall into a specific category," he said. "That can be based on several factors, including ethnicity, (or) students who receive reduced-price lunch - there are several sub groups. We just barely missed the mark with the special needs students. The system is set up so that if any one of these sub groups misses that mark, the whole school fails."

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A Final Farewell

Both the City of Romulus and the Romulus Community School District approved resolutions for former Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr, who officially retired this week. The resolutions were given to Carr for his 35 years of service. Carr began his career in Romulus first as a teacher, then as a principal, and finally as the leader of the district. Mayor Alan Lambert, a graduate of Romulus High School, joked that he first met Carr in the principal's office. "I spent some time in there, but I always thought Joel was fair." Here, Carr is shown with school board Trustee Ken Meinkiewicz at a banquet in his honor earlier this week.

Council debates building viability

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Staff Writer

Many city officials would like to see an old car wash on Beverly Road torn down despite a local man's effort to save it.

John Franklin appeared before the Romulus City Council Monday night to appeal for another six month extension to help turn the gas station into

a youth facility. He has had two extensions previously.

"I'm hoping that some of the young people here can learn about the building trades through this project," he said. "We have a lot of young people here who have nothing to do."

The car wash has been vacant since 1995 and is slated for demolition by the city. The group that Franklin is involved

with has removed the underground storage tanks, but has yet to compete any work on the outer structure of the facility. Building Inspector Randy McMahon said he feels the building is no longer viable and should be torn down.

"Plans have not been submitted that would indicate this

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Local educator to publish history book

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

The old black-and-white photo shows a large group of men and women on a front porch. Some have stern expressions but others are smiling; they are dressed formally but modestly.

The photo—which will be on the cover of a new book about the history of Canton Township—shows some of the first people to settle in a village called Sheldon Corners, one of the first communities in Canton.

According to resident Gerald Van Dusen, the picture was taken to mark a special occasion: the day that Sheldon Corners residents gathered to help the Smith family raise their barn.

"It was a pretty popular custom in the early days, when Canton residents depended so much on their neighbors," said Van Dusen. "It depended how many people came out and how well planned it was, but it could be a day's work. Typically it's not."

Raising a barn was one thing—could they have imagined what rose from the "Canton clay" during the next 100 years?

On the heels of new estimates from the U.S. Census that the population of Canton has boomed to 90,000, Van Dusen is set to debut his chronicle of what was a tiny farming community.

Van Dusen's book is published by Arcadia Publishing, as part of an "Images of America" series that has already printed several pic-

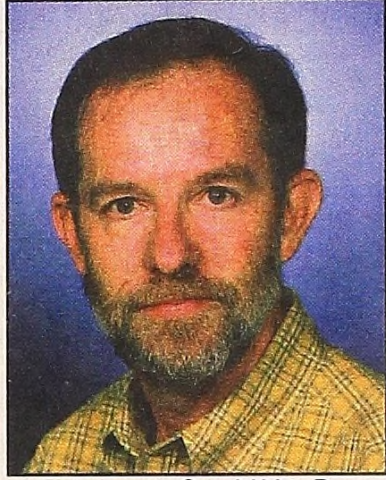
ture-filled historical volumes about communities in Michigan.

"I saw other local communities like Wayne and Westland and Plymouth were well-represented" in the series, said Van Dusen. "Canton was not and I thought that was a glaring omission," he said.

When he called the publisher to propose a broad history of Wayne County, they suggested he start by just filling in the gaps about Canton.

Arcadia had great interest, after all, in a Canton book, said Van Dusen.

"They had even talked to a couple of prospective authors, but it never materialized," he said, "and so I went ahead (writing one) without really fully knowing if there would be enough pictures avail-



Gerald Van Dusen

College District campus in Belleville, had a lot of help from some fifth-generation residents in gathering primary documents—including the 200-plus photos required by Arcadia.

Few farm families remain in Canton Township, so Van Dusen spent months driving around southeast Michigan to track them down.

"I talked to a number of former residents who very graciously opened up their scrapbooks and gave me a number of pictures that I would not otherwise have been able to include had I depended on a single source."

The cover photo, however, came from the Canton Historical Museum, which will carry copies of the book when it is released.

Author says people came to Canton area during growth spurts

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Author Gerald Van Dusen follows Canton Township during three separate growth spurts in his new book, due to be released Sept. 11.

"I think most people who...came to Canton recently think that Canton just sprung up, subdivision after subdivision, and that everybody here are first generation," said Van Dusen, "when in fact there are still residents here in Canton that are fifth-generation."

In writing the book for Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, the author spoke with descendants of Michael Fischer, who arrived in Canton during the 19th century at the age of 14.

"His parents feared Prussian conscription. He would have wound up in the German military if they hadn't shipped him over here," said Van Dusen. "He suffered through a difficult ocean voyage, made his way up through the Erie Canal and settled eventually in Canton. He was one of the first businessmen in Sheldon Corners."

Fischer's livery near the intersection of Michigan Avenue, Sheldon and Geddes roads, dubbed the "Flatiron," formed the nucleus of the early village.

"That story is really replicated throughout Canton Township," said Van Dusen.

The township was officially formed in 1834 when it was split off from Plymouth Township, but Van Dusen said the growth of the area was organic.

The village of Cherry Hill formed early on, too, and then farms filled out spaces in between. The last of the land was

sold off by 1850.

"If you had money in those days, you could have bought Canton Township for \$37,000," said Van Dusen, laughing. "I've learned since that time that the land is worth a little bit more."

The second wave of residents came in the 1920s, with the advent of the automobile.

"For the first time you could work in one place and live in another," he said.

The agricultural way of life in Canton was reaching its end by the 1970s, though, when Interstate 275 was built through

Canton. The township, with two major intersections on I-275 at Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, is still seeing the consequences.

"No longer was Canton's number-one business agriculture," said Van Dusen. "Now, it was residential construction."

Chapters on Canton homes, settlers and development are filled out with pictures from the Canton Historic District Commission. The book, which is due to be released Sept. 11, will be about 128 pages. It will be available online, in area bookstores and at the Canton Historical Museum.

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Blood drive pits officers against EMS personnel

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's not exactly a smack down. Police officers and firefighters are hoping to emerge victorious in an effort to curb the critically low blood reserves at local hospitals by hosting the Battle of the Badges, which calls on law enforcement and public safety personnel to donate blood. The battle will take place all day on Sept. 11 at the Romulus Senior Center on Bibbens Road.

John Barden, a councilman in Romulus and an executive assistant to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, said the battle will help save thousands of lives during medical emergencies.

"The winner gets a plaque and bragging rights," he said. "Anyone can donate blood on behalf of police or fire. The group that donates the most blood wins."

The Battle of the Badges is coming to Romulus for the first time. It is sponsored by the American Red Cross, which issued the challenge to first responders in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. Communities in these counties will have blood drives between June 19 and Sept. 18.

The two teams consist of police officers and sheriff's deputies on one side and firefighters, EMS workers and paramedics on the other. When a

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John Barden

donor arrives at the Senior Center, they will be asked to fill out a voting sheet so monitors can tally the amount of blood given for each team.

The winners will be assessed by county, Barden said.

Romulus Fire Chief Dave Allison said he's excited about the blood drive.

"We've never done this kind of thing before," he said.

In Romulus, police officers, firefighters and those who support them will be pitted against each other to help make an impact on the blood shortage next week.

Historically, there is a decline in the amount of blood donated in

the summer months, which is precisely the same time the amount of blood need goes up, according to Red Cross figures. Estimates indicate that about 60 percent of the population meets the criteria to donate blood, but only about 5 percent of those do so regularly.

All blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh no less than 110 pounds.

For a complete list of donor guidelines, visit the Red Cross online at www.redcross.org/donate/give.

For more information about the Battle of the Badges in Romulus, call Julie Wojtylko in the mayor's office at (734) 955-4501.



Dedication

Keeping one job for an entire career is not all that common today, but Romulus Community Schools decided to highlight those educators with 35 years of service or more last week at the "Welcome Back" event at the high school auditorium. Shown here are (first row) Delores Raub, Dorothy West and Don Foley, all of whom have served 35 years, and Karen Richard, who has served for 40 years. They were congratulated by Romulus Board of Education President Celeste Roscoe, Trustee Cheryle Buckley, Vice President Ken Meinkiewicz and Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss.

AYP

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The district intends to fight the marks, Weiss said.

"We missed by such a slim margin that we think we have a good appeal, and we're going to do that," he said. "We're in the process of preparing that information right now – there's no reason to think the high school won't pass once that process is complete."

A sub group is established by the district if 30 or more students meet a certain criteria. The No Child Left Behind provision requires that the district indicate whether a student is in a sub group when they take the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Report cards are based on those scores.

The report card for Romulus High School indicates the school was given a grade of C. That grade will likely go up if the district wins the appeal process.

If the district loses the appeal, it will be required to offer schools of choice options to residents and supplemental tutoring to students.

Other than the results at the high school, the district had reason to believe it's on the right

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track Romulus Middle School and Wick, Halecreek, Romulus, Merriman, Barth and Cory elementary schools all made the requirements.

Each of the elementary schools was given a grade of B. Like the high school, the middle

school was given a C, but MEAP scores showed enough improvement for the school to meet the AYP threshold.

The data in the report cards was obtained though MEAP tests taken in 2005. This year, 544 schools failed to meet AYP, versus 436 last year. A bright spot for the state was discovered when the data indicated that 164 schools were able to improve enough to take them off an alert list that could have resulted in oversight from the area intermediate school districts.

The AYP program requires 100 percent of students to be proficient in math and science by 2014. Each year, the number of students who meet those levels must increase by a certain percentage until that goal is met, Weiss said.

Another footnote to the report card is that Community High School, the district alternative school, did not meet AYP requirements. This is the first year alternative schools have been part of the plan.

Tax - Incentives lure company

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"We have a lot of people especially from General Motors who are tool and die makers who are laid off," he said. "Those people can be slotted into those jobs easily – they are already skilled to do the work, but can't find a job."

The city cannot legally place conditions on the employer to hire Romulus residents, however.

The losses in the manufacturing sector have caused broad repercussions on the state, which according to the State Department of Labor has shed more than 100,000 jobs. Many smaller companies field daily calls from southern states, where the labor is cheaper. Other manufacturers and entire industries have moved overseas.

Smaller parts facilities and tooling companies have been hit especially hard when orders from larger manufacturers like the Big Three pull back on orders.

Romulus has one of the largest industrial areas in the state, and has pulled out all of the stops to keep industrial businesses in the city proper. Though most companies request a 12-year break, in the past several years, only General Motors has qualified for the full 12-year abatement. That determination was made based on the fact the Romulus Engine facility has been open for about 30 years.

In addition to Future Tool, Woolf Aircraft and Aztec Manufacturing have been given six-year breaks.

Building - Extension is sought

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structure can be fixed," he said. "All that was submitted was a floor plan. I just don't think this building can be salvaged."

Councilman William Wadsworth agreed. "I can remember this was there years ago, and we got it in 1995," he said. "I think (Franklin's) plan to help young people is admirable, but I think the facility is unsafe and that it should be torn down."

Not everyone supported that, however. Councilman Harry Crout said the city should give Franklin another chance.

"What is another six months?" he said. "If we tear it down, we'll have another vacant parcel of land. We don't have people coming here to Romulus (to build businesses). Let's see if he can do something with it in six months, and if he can't, then we can tear it down."

McMahon said that could be risky, too.

"It could fall in while we wait," he said. "Someone could get hurt."

Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said she's concerned contractors cannot stabilize the building at a reasonable cost.

"I'm concerned about the cost to fix the building because it could cost too much," she

said. "Why not just tear that building down and build a new one?"

Franklin said he had architects and building contractors look at the building, and they verified that the building could be repaired.

Mayor Pro-tem Randolph Gear that the city needs to find a way to look at all of the facts. He suggested a study session be scheduled about the car wash.

"We need to get everyone in here that is involved with this and see for ourselves if we should grant the extension," he said.

"Once everyone is here, we can get all of the information we need, and make a decision. And once that's done, there will be no drama."

Gear said the decision that is made at the study session will be final.

"They need to bring everyone here that can explain to us why the building should be saved – that means the owner, the architect, the contractors – everyone," he said.

Franklin agreed to meet again at a special session.

The study session will take place in the council chambers at city hall at 6 p.m. on Sept. 11. City Hall is located at 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

OPINION

Time to remember

It can be easy to lose focus on the nature of Labor Day.

Most of us will enjoy a long weekend free of the daily drudgery that the holiday was set up to honor: the spirit of the American work force that brought us to where we are today.

We'll take road trips or host barbecues, visit friends or welcome family or both.

And for the most part, we won't spend much time thinking about the people who are still at work or the ones who provided the ideas that made our daily toil that much less difficult.

It's easy to forget the municipal workers, for example, who toil behind the scenes to ensure that we are not inconvenienced. Whether that means braving hazardous traffic conditions to change a light bulb in a traffic signal or standing in a freezing sleet during the middle of the night to fix a water main break before most of us rise for work the next day.

There are also the police officers and firefighters to think of; those who are on the job ensuring our safety even as we're relaxing in honor of the American work force.

Inventors and forward thinkers usually don't get a nod of recognition on this day, either. Maybe it's because most of us just think of the labor part of Labor Day, the hardworking men and women who worked together to make this the most prosperous industrialized nation on earth.

The ideas they worked on came from somewhere, though; the United Auto Workers would have little to do if Henry Ford not perfected the assembly line.

When we're taking our time off this Monday, when we're traveling to or from the picturesque north, or the house down the street where the smell of sizzling chicken still lingers, let's take a moment to remember the unseen workers, the ones that keep things going for the rest of us, and the ones who had the ideas to make things happen.

A fact of municipal life

When members of the Belleville City Council approved raises for several department heads last week, many of them bemoaned the fact that, even with the increases, their employees were being paid at the bottom of the pay scale.

They weren't being adequately compensated, they said, for the amount of work they do.

Unfortunately, in an economy like the one we're in now, that's a pretty big club.

It'd be nice if we were all paid what we thought we were worth, because we doubt there are too many of us out there that think that's actually happening.

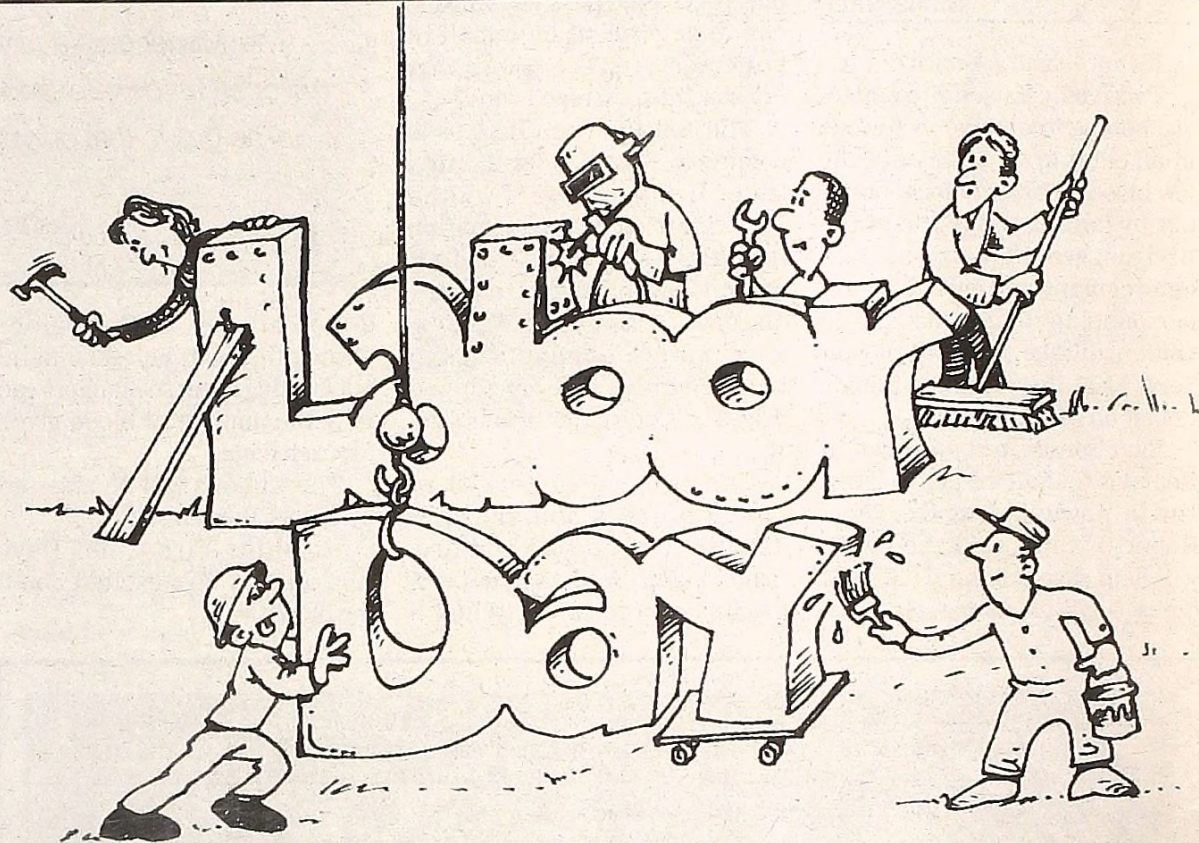
Municipal officials need to realize, though, that they have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure their department heads are paid according to what the municipality can afford and that, quite frankly, may not be as much as they wish—and Belleville isn't too far removed from a budget deficit situation, either.

We realize that, when you find good people it's important to keep them. We also realize that the best way to keep them happy is to ensure they're well compensated. Remember, though, that municipal workers receive benefits that many of us envy. In addition to regular salary increases, above average health care benefits and more, they often receive longevity pay and other bonuses, too.

Usually, that can all be rolled into one's retirement package, too, and the increasing costs of providing retirement for employees is one of the common things municipal leaders cite as they grapple with tight budgets.

It's tempting to offer additional increases based on what department head and other workers are earning in other cities or townships. We don't think that's the answer, though. Leaders should instead take careful stock of their own ability to pay and plan accordingly.

That's what everyone else has to do.



Searching for good ideas

It's pretty evident that the Wayne Wheelfest is at a crossroads.

The weather didn't help out too much this past weekend, when the annual festival came to town, rewarding the toil of many volunteers and city staff members with days of humid overcast sky or a consistently irritating drizzle.

Maybe that would explain the pall I felt as I walked around the event, but it could have been more.

If the weather didn't help, then the budget for the annual festival didn't help either. The usual carnival attendees found at the festival had been replaced with inflatables, a symptom of the reduced budget Wheelfest Commissioners faced this year.

They'll face a similar challenge planning the festival next year, too. The city budget has shrunk to the point where community celebrations like the fireworks—which, barring another community fundraiser, has been cut from the budget next year—and the Wheelfest are in jeopardy.

I still think they're important parts of the tradition of the community, though, and I don't want to see it go away.

Will it have to change? Probably, but change is a good thing, right?

Our paper published a guide to the Wheelfest this

year with the hopes that we can help out the festival. A portion of the advertising will go right back to the city to help pay for aspects of the festival. It was a tough year for everyone, though, and I'd like to give a personal thank you to everyone who helped out.

As I worked on this project, I got a chance to work with members of the festival committee more than I had in the past, and watching them at work gives me hope.

They know the challenges ahead of them and seem ready to approach them with the same optimistic good humor with which they've met challenges in the past.

Even so, they probably will need some help on this one. Fortunately, I've worked with and met many people in the city since I started working here, and that gives me hope, too. There are a lot of good ideas out there, I just know it.

I've got a few of my own, but I'd rather hear from readers and residents on this one. We're starting a new feature on our web site that will allow for additional reader comments (of course, you can always still send me a letter or give me a call). Check it out at www.journalgroup.com. It's still in the experimental

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Underpaid and unappreciated

Much noise is being made about the Detroit Federation of Teachers union, whose members took to picket line earlier this week.

Those selfish fools apparently aren't too enthusiastic about taking a pay cut at a time when expenses for gas and other necessities are going up well past the rate of inflation, and many in the private sector are blaming them for walking out.

Though Detroit is several miles – and often a world away – from what happens here in western Wayne County – there is an important parallel that can be drawn in this case. That is that too often, public employees are often expected to suck it up because taxpayers are footing the bill for their jobs (let's just set aside for a moment that most provide a vital and necessary service).

Teachers and police officers are most often expected to be martyrs for a cause; if any of us in the private sector had to constantly justify our existence to maintain a decent wage, many of us would have cracked long ago.

Nowhere in the nine communities covered by *The Journal Newspapers* is this more apparent than in Inkster, a blue-collar town of 31,000 souls that has experienced more than its fair share of financial difficulties, which isn't unusual given the soft econ-

omy in the Wolverine State.

What is problematic is that the city council members are considering giving raises to several top employees while asking most rank and file workers to go with nothing for the next three years. The city council approved a 16 percent increase for the city manager, and a raise for the municipal clerk.

The reason officials are hedging on raises is that the city is essentially broke, they said. The same officials said they needed to offer more money to talented people.

OK. I think everyone understands times are tough right now. To officials' credit, they are looking at doing a wage comparison study for the firefighters, police officers and other employees just as they did for the department heads. The figures that I have been gathering indicate that municipal employees are paid 10 percent to 20 percent less than their counterparts in other cities.

Whether any of the recommended raises go into effect is up to the city council, and it's unclear whether we'll see a vote any time soon.

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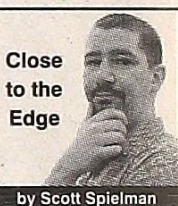
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LETTERS

Ideas

FROM PAGE 4

Resident protests waste wells

To the editor:

I am writing about recent developments with the high pressure injection toxic waste well in Romulus.

EDS touts a safety record in Michigan. In fact, they used to be an asbestos remediation company and have no experience in what they are doing. Their parent company—the ones that put a lot of the money up for the project—was apparently fined several times for their illegal behaviors at a landfill in Macomb County.

The Detroit Police and Firefighters' Pension Fund financed most of the project through questionable investment practices. There is no way at this point to trace that money because the fund has been transferred out of the state to the Bank

of New York.

As for Sunoco - they will need to abandon their gas storage operation. They have decided to use the services of EDS and face economic reality but are being attacked by local politicians for doing this. It is not the fault of Sunoco that the Department of Environmental Quality conspired with the leaders of the Republican Party in Michigan to move this well along.

It is a crime that it has been built in the center of a populated area. These wells are a ridiculous and outdated response to the problem of chemical waste disposal—but 85 to 90 percent of all chemical waste is disposed of in this manner in the United States today. I don't think I am underestimating when I say 98 percent of Americans do not know this fact.

The problem with toxic wastes

rising to the surface in Ann Arbor and at other locations in Michigan and around the nation can be directly traced to these wells and this technology but it is nearly impossible to get a hearing in court about it because there are laws that say it is safe.

That is the real crime and trying to pin the tail on an independent oil producer like Sunoco—which will need to abandon a natural gas storage plant in Romulus, just because, after losing their court case they decide to use the well—is ridiculous.

Politicians around the state cried about private property rights and industry needs when local residents pointed out that the well is located at a dangerous spot - being right next to I-94, the Detroit Airport, airplane fuel storage tanks, the Sunoco natural gas wells, schools and a hospital - and the rights and concerns of

local citizens were trampled underfoot.

That is not the fault of Sunoco. That is the fault of men like Bruce Patterson, Ken Sikkema (State Senate Leader) and Dick DeVos.

Why is this sort of thing being allowed to continue?

Alfred Brock,
Canton

phases, so we're only going to put the link at the end of selected stories and see how it works out.

I think the Wheelfest is an important part of the community and I'd like to hear what others think of it, how it could be improved or what they'd like to see stay the same. And, as always, keep it clean.

Wages

FROM PAGE 4

What is clear is that if the city doesn't find a way to compensate the entire staff in fair manner, people will begin to leave. One way might be to get Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing officials to give back tax dollars collected within their districts to pay for police and fire services within those areas, like many cities do.

The if-you-don't-want-to-be-

here-just-go attitude among elected officials will come back to haunt them not when one or two experienced people leave, but when employees start leaving in droves.

Tax breaks: Inkster is undergoing a process by which it will determine how many tax incentives will be given to Livernois Vehicle Development, which is renovating the old Carron facility of Princeton Street.

Romulus this week gave a tooling company a six-year tax break on \$1.3 million in improvements the company will make to

two facilities. The company asked for a 50 percent abatement for 12 years, but the city used a formula to determine eligibility for the full 12 years, and the company came up short. The incentives will help the company create a whopping 10 jobs, and retain others.

Inkster needs to collect as many tax dollars as possible. Tax incentives are used to retain and attract new businesses, but let's hope there's a process in place in Inkster that makes that incentive an encouragement, not a giveaway.

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Taste Fest returns to Plymouth Fall Festival

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Perhaps the best bargain at the Plymouth Fall Festival is the annual Taste Fest which will return, even stronger this year. More than 20 restaurants are scheduled to offer samples of their cuisine on the first day of the weekend event, along with wine from J. Lohr Wineries.

Set to take part are: E.G. Nick's, The Plymouth Crossing, 1999 Tavern, Baker's Rack, Doyle's, The Penniman Deli, Burger Spot, Cassels Café and Mary Denning Cakes. Domino's Pizza, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Rocky's of Northville, Papa Romano's and Elite Catering will participate, as well.

"All of the restaurant booths will be set up on the edge of the beverage tent," said Colleen Brown, Fall Festival coordinator. "All people have to do is go to a station and try out what that place has for them to taste."

J. Lohr Wineries sampling was so popular last year that the winery will have two tables set up on Friday evening.

Brown said other restaurants could be added in time for the event, too. She said all restaurants are invited to participate.

"A lot of the restaurants have taken part for several years now," Brown said. "We've got a lot of returners, but we'd like to get the rest of the area involved, too."

"It really is for a good cause and people love it."

Brown, who is in her first year as head of the festival, said the Taste Fest draws so many participating restaurants the event may need more space.

Brown said this year's Taste Fest would be a fun one.

"It's different every year," she said. "We usually never know what (the eateries) are going to bring, but they always have a good variety. It's always really good stuff."

The Taste Fest runs from 6-8:30 p.m. or until the food sample run out Friday, Sept. 8 in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce or at the event.

"It is so well worth the price. And we do have special admission

prices for families and small children. Nobody who attended last year went away hungry or disappointed," she said.

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All that jazz Season finale set in Canton

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

By all accounts, the inaugural V98.7 Smooth Jazz concert series has been a success.

"I think from what we're hearing, they're very well received," said Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, recreation coordinator for Canton Leisure Services.

Concerts in Canton traditionally take place in a venue such as Heritage Park, but this year Canton took the show on the road. A trailer, known as the Canton Live! stage parked in the middle of various parking lots in the Ford Road commercial district.

To end the season, the festivities will return inside, to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Internationally renowned jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic will perform at 8 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the theater.

The other concerts were free, but audience members will have to pay \$20 to see Zonjic and his ensemble. Most of the proceeds from ticket sales will be put aside for future public arts projects inside the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) district—in other words, Ford Road. The DDA sponsored the

jazz series, along with Leisure Services and V98.7 Smooth Jazz.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the series brought some excitement to the commercial corridor. Shoppers were quick to stop by, whether they had expected to find a concert or not.

"It's a nice mix," she said. "They're either coming out for the purpose of the concert, or else they're out doing things and they happen to stumble onto them."

Zonjic has been around the world, performing in Japan, England, the Philippines and Mexico. He's also played at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and the Apollo Theater in New York.

Tickets for the concert are available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway or by phone at (734) 394-5460.

More information about the concert series is available at <http://www.canton-mi.org>. Zonjic's website is www.zonjic.com.



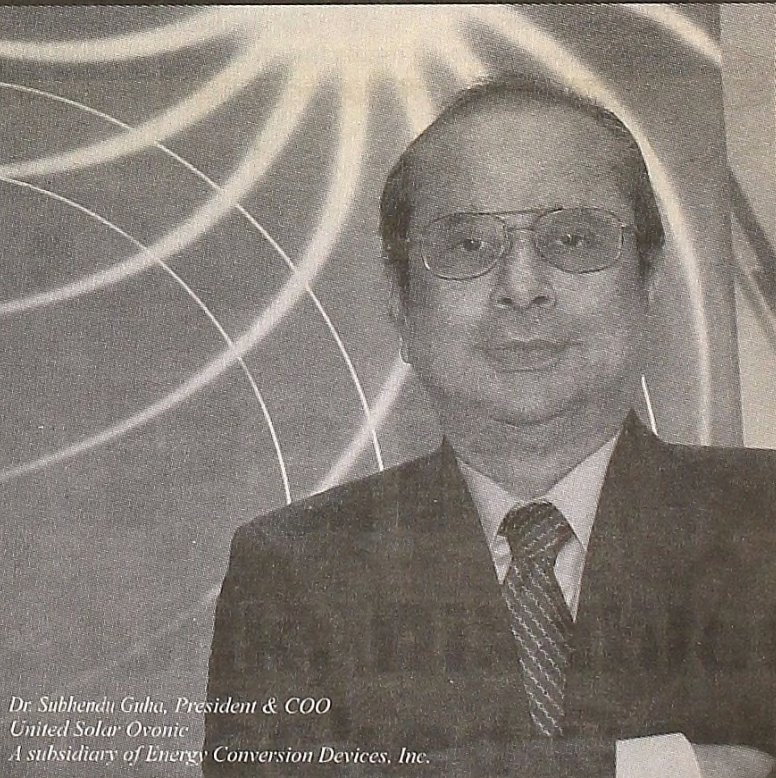
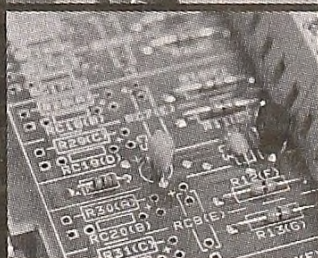
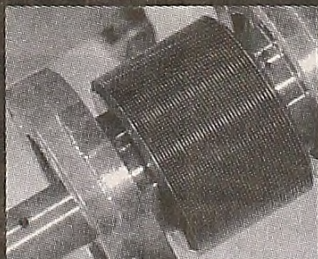
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How To Eat FRIED WORMS

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Film may disappoint fans of book

Parents and children alike may be waiting for the classic *How to Eat Fried Worms* to make the leap to the silver screen.

The young adult book has been popular for more than three decades, making it an ideal vehicle to appeal across generations.

Unfortunately, half the audience will

probably be disappointed.

Worms, written for the screen and directed by Bob Dohlan, isn't a bad film;

it's just not a terribly good one.

The basic plot follows Thomas Rockwell's book, telling the story of 11-year old Billy Forrester (Luke Benward), as he moves into a new town and—horribly, a new school.

It's clear that he didn't want to make the trip. The first thing he unpacks is a collage of pictures of his old school mates sprinkled around the glittery words: "We'll miss you Billy!"

It doesn't take long for Billy to run afoul of the school bully, a youngster named Joe Guire (Adam Hicks) who towers over the rest of the class. Joe is himself the victim of bullying from his older brother and turns his attentions to younger kids—particularly Billy.

After a confrontation in the school cafeteria causes the weak-stomached Billy to boast that he eats worms every day, a

Kid's corner

By Henry Spielman

This was my first big kid movie and I liked it a lot.

It all started when Billy (Luke Benward) through a worm that landed right on Joe's (Adam Hicks) face. That was funny.

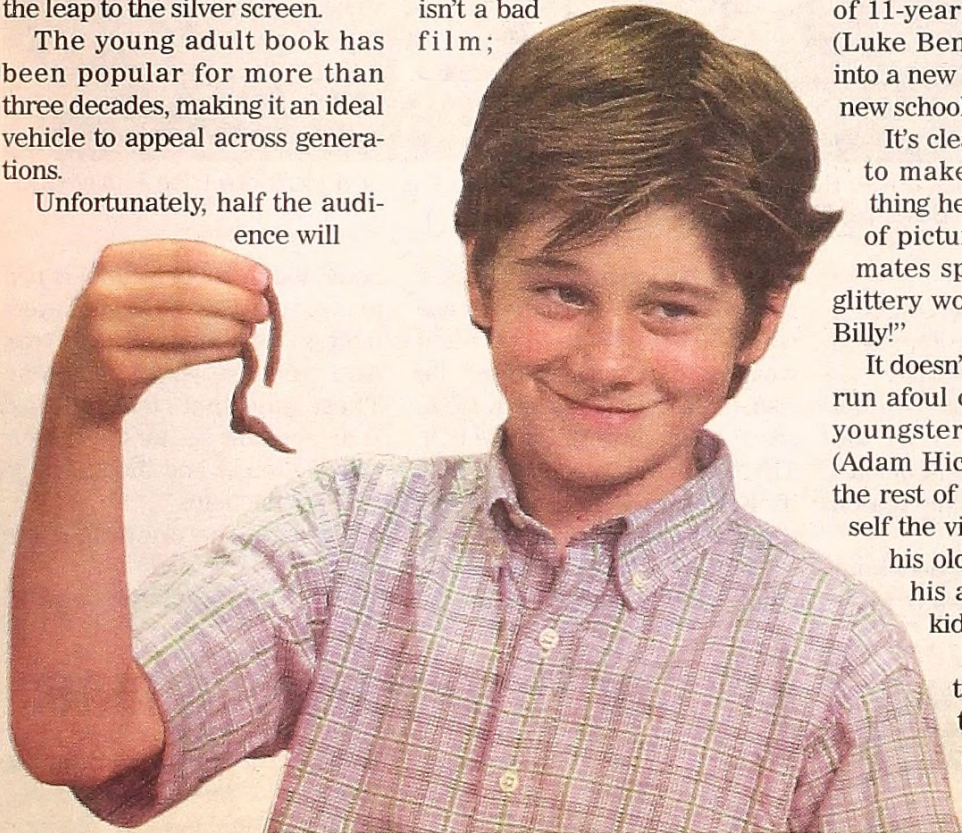
My favorite part was where they went to the Brown Toad restaurant to cook up a worm and the principal (James Rebhorn) ate it in an omelet. He was talking about eating bacon cheeseburgers and root beer floats when he was little and then he said 'alley oop' and ate the worm.

I didn't like Joe because he was a bully. I knew all along that his ring wasn't a death ring, like everyone thought it was.

The worm stuff was pretty gross, too.

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Rockets tread familiar ground, beat Belleville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There was a familiar feeling in the muggy air on Friday night when the John Glenn Rockets defeated the Tigers, 27-6, in both teams' season debut in Belleville.

The Rockets looked poised and ready. They had an air of confidence about them.

Although the team struggled through the 2005 season, these characteristics were established a year ago when they hosted Belleville in the opener in Westland—a game the Rockets won, 20-14, in the final two minutes.

This time was a little different. There was no last-minute Hail Mary touchdown drive. Instead, the Rockets came out blasting, took an early lead and built on it for the victory. They never let the Tigers in the game.

The Rockets gained momentum early, when Belleville fumbled on their second play of the opening drive. Glenn recovered on Belleville's 34-yard line and marched, 11 plays later, into the end zone. An eight-yard pass from Justin Reid to Ian Thornton capped off the series at 7:09. The two-point conversion failed but Glenn captured an early 6-0 lead.

Reid scampered two yards to pay dirt at 5:24 in the second to add to the Rockets' lead. Andrew Hein nailed the extra point, giving the Rockets a 13-0 advantage. Running back Blayre McCormick led the drive, carrying the ball eight times for 52 yards. He finished the night with 116 yards on 22 carries.

In the fourth, McCormick found the end zone from two yards out, upping Glenn's lead to 20-0 after Hein's kick just 51 seconds into the quarter. C.J. Woodford capped off the Rockets' scoring at 6:14 of the fourth with a two-yard run. Hein's kick was good for a 27-0 lead.

Patrick Jensen intercepted a pass for Glenn in the fourth to halt another Belleville drive. Glenn Coach Todd Deluca said the team, especially the offensive line, improved from last year and was partially the reason for the win.



John Glenn quarterback Justin Reid punches through Belleville's line for a touchdown on Friday night. The Rockets beat host Belleville, 27-6.

"We've been talking about our offensive line and the way we've blocked last season and I wasn't happy with the way our offense went last year so we've been working hard on our line," he said. "That was pleasing to me to see them coming off of the ball. That's the way we used to play ball at John Glenn and we're going to come back to that."

"I think in all phases of the game we're just a better team," he added. "Our personnel is better. Our guys are football players more so than they were last year. And we were young last year. These guys that struggled last year are now seniors and their starting to gel and they're clicking and that helps."

Despite the opening drive

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Salem, rocked!

The Pinckney Pirates scored first and often to crumble the Salem Rocks, 42-13, in the home and season opener at Salem. From the opening kickoff—which Pinckney scored on—to the end of the game, the Pirates never let up. Salem kept it close in the first quarter when Anthony Mullins returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, according to first-year Salem Coach Parker Salowich. However, the Pirates overpowered the Rocks through the next two quarters, taking a 22-7 lead at the half and a 42-7 lead at the end of the third. In the fourth, Josh Cudney returned a fumble recovery for the final score to make it a 42-13 finish. Mullins led Salem's offense with 65 yards on 13 rushes. Quarterback Jon Wilson raced 63 yards on nine carries. Justin Bader led the defense with seven tackles and Jim Crabill had five. Salem hosts Plymouth at 7 p.m. today. Photos by Ken Garner.



Inkster victorious in opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings' balanced attack moved them past Detroit Crockett, 26-6, at home on Saturday afternoon for the season opener.

The Vikings racked up 109 yards on the ground and 124 through the air.

The team likes to stick to the run—if possible—but all three of the scores were tosses from quarterback Aaron Shavers. He was 7-16 in the mix with one interception and 21 yards rushing.

"We have to take what a defense gives us," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We prefer to run the ball but they were really physical up front."

The Vikings took and took and took again. By the end of the half they gained a 20-0 advantage over Crockett.

Inkster's first drive was only four plays long and was capped off by Shaver's 12-yard touchdown pass to J.J. Snelling. The first quarter ended with Inkster in the lead, 7-0.

Shavers then hit Derek Coker in the second to make it a 14-0 game. Then Shavers connected with Coker again at the end of the quarter for a 53-yard play and score. Inkster led 20-0 at the halfway mark.

Coker was the top receiver, snagging five balls for 124 yards and the two scores.

Crockett got in to the game with the only score of the third quarter, cutting into Inkster's lead, 20-6. It was a 16-yard pass play to the end zone.

Inkster finished off the scoring with an 18-yard run from

senior Tim Hogue, putting the game in the record books, 26-6.

Hogue finished with a majority of the rushing yards—73 on 12 carries.

The biggest question mark—the offensive line—was also the biggest surprise of the game, according to both Carter and offensive line coach Mac Jones.

"We were concerned because we have a lot of young guys on the offensive line," Carter said. "Crockett was good but our line held up against their pressure."

"We were very surprised how the offensive line played," Jones added. "Most of the kids are new but they came out and executed. We were pleased but there's still a lot to work on."

Carter was impressed with the defense as well. He said the defense only allowed Crockett one drive but it was the scoring drive in the third quarter that ended with a pass play.

Overall Carter said the team played well and thought they were playing ahead of last year's team that won the school's first district title in decades and made it to the regional finale.

"The kids played with a lot of confidence," he said. "They expect to win now. That makes it easier to coach because they believe what we're trying to teach them."

Inkster heads to Ypsilanti—one of the few teams that beat them last year—at 7 p.m. tonight.

"Ypsilanti has a better offense than Crockett," Carter said. "Hopefully we can run the ball more effectively."

"This time of year it's usually the team that plays the best defense that wins."

SPORTS

Eagles fly by Robichaud

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Chalk one up for Romulus Coach Matt Ladach.

He earned his first victory as head coach of the team—on any team, actually—when his Eagles shutout Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 20-0, at home on Friday night.

“As the first game as a head coach I was nervous,” Ladach said. “It felt good to get out there, though. We’ve waited all off-season to get it going; it was nice. It was a big test for us all. I just wanted to call the plays and let the kids go out there and do what they could.”

He said the game was closer than the 20-0 score indicated. Romulus scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to wrap up the victory.

It looked like the Bulldogs were going to move ahead early. On their opening drive Robichaud converted a third and long play, but Romulus’ Donzell Carter intercepted a pass in the end zone to snuff out the drive, according to Ladach. He said both teams played solid defense after that, resulting in a 0-0 tie at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter heated up.

Romulus sophomore quarterback Ondre Mathews tossed a 57-yarder to junior wideout Justin Price. That gave Romulus a first-and-goal at the five. Junior running back Mario Crawford was caught in the backfield on second-and-two for an 11-yard loss. Then Mathews was sacked. On fourth down senior kicker/fullback/linebacker Cedric Smith missed the field goal attempt.

Robichaud gained possession on downs but fumbled the ball right in to Smith’s hands. He ran it in for a touchdown. The Eagles were unsuccessful with the two-point conversion ending the half with Romulus leading, 6-0.

The third ended with Robichaud deep in its own end after Romulus turned the ball over twice within the Bulldogs’ 25-yard line.

At the top of the fourth Robichaud was faced with a fourth-and-long inside its 10. The Bulldogs opted to take a safety, giving the Eagles an 8-0 advantage.

On the Eagles’ next drive junior running back Jeff Williams raced 28 yards to the

Bulldogs’ four. Two plays later, he lunged in for the score. Smith’s kick went wide right but the touchdown put Romulus up 14-0.

On the next drive Crawford bounced outside for a 42-yard scoring run. The gain made it 20-0 after a missed field goal attempt. After that the game was in the defense’s hands. Robichaud trudged deep into Romulus territory but failed to convert on fourth down. Romulus regained possession and took a knee to end the game.

“The game was much closer than the 20-0 score,” Ladach said. “Both teams had week-one rust. We said before the game that whoever made the least amount of mistakes would win.”

Romulus had three penalties: two false starts and one 15-yard unsportsmanlike for celebration for a total of 25 yards. Robichaud had two big penalties that negated very big plays. One would have put them at the 1-yard line and one that cost them a 30-plus yard run inside of the Eagles’ 25. Robichaud turned the ball over four times to Romulus’ two.

Mathews was 2-for-9 for 77 yards. Crawford led the ground attack with 64 yards on 15 carries and a TD.



Romulus football under the guidance of first-year coach Matt Ladach won its season opener last Friday night at home against Dearborn Heights Robichaud. This year’s team includes: First row (from left) Joe Kiesznowski, Rod Walker, Cedric Smith, Will Braden; Second row (from left) Coach Matt Ladach, Antoine James, Andre Smith, Blake Perkins, Terrel White, Eric Smith and Shane Wells. The Eagles host Redford Thurston a 7 p.m. today.

Defense is where Romulus stood out. Crawford, playing at defensive back, racked up 12 tackles—nine of them solo. Joe Kiesznowski earned five solo tackles and five assists. Smith added eight more tackles for the defensive unit and forced one fumble and recovered two others—one was returned for a score.

“I’m a defensive guy,” Ladach said. “I’ve always been a defensive coach but I’ve always wanted to coach the offensive line. I like to call offensive plays that can compliment our defense—offense wins games and defense wins championships.”

Romulus will host Redford Thurston on at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Wayne football wins opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Wayne football coach Craig Hnatuk fielded a new team in Friday’s opener and came away with new results.

It’s been a while since the Zebras had won their opener, but they put that to rest when they defeated visiting University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 18-13.

He said he feels the team can build on that win and improve last year’s sub-par record.

“With this win you could see it in the kids’ eyes,” Hnatuk said, “You could tell that they were excited. In order to compete you have to get that first one under your belt. It’s huge getting off to a good start.”

Brad Leverenz scored the Zebras first touchdown in the first quarter. Then

Allen Freeman nabbed an interception and returned it for a score, to make it, 12-0.

UDJ got on the board when Dion Sims hauled in a 30-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

In the third, Sims nabbed another. With the extra point UDJ took a 13-12 lead.

It came down to the final six minutes of the game when the Zebras marched from their 35 down to the UDJ’s 2, leaving only 50 seconds left on the clock.

Quarterback David Freeman handed off to Leverenz for the winning touchdown.

Allen Freeman led the ground attack with 120 yards on 23 carries. Leverenz scored the winning touchdown, and led the defense with 14 tackles.

Hnatuk and crew head to Walled Lake Central for a 7 p.m. kickoff today.

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SPORTS

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fumble, Belleville showed promise early in the game. The Tigers looked fast and strong but couldn't capitalize on two key pass plays to get the offense going. The first attempt was in the first quarter on a third-and-14

play from Belleville's own 40. Brandon Harris, the receiver, saw daylight and a path to a touchdown but the pass slipped through his hands. The Tigers had a similar play in the third where a bobbled pass eventually fell to the turf.

Belleville trudged on. With about 1:19 left on the clock, Belleville's quarterback Phil Sullens connected with Harris

for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

"We just made too many mistakes early and, offensively, couldn't get anything going," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. "(Glenn) just controlled the ball on us. We have a lot of new players up front and (Glenn) did a lot of shifting on us. It shouldn't have caused us a problem, but it did and it caused some confusion. There are a lot of things we can

correct. I'm not unhappy with our effort. Our execution wasn't very good tonight. We were on the field too long on defense and that's going to kill you."

Both teams will have a short week to strengthen what went right and to fix what went wrong before the next contest.

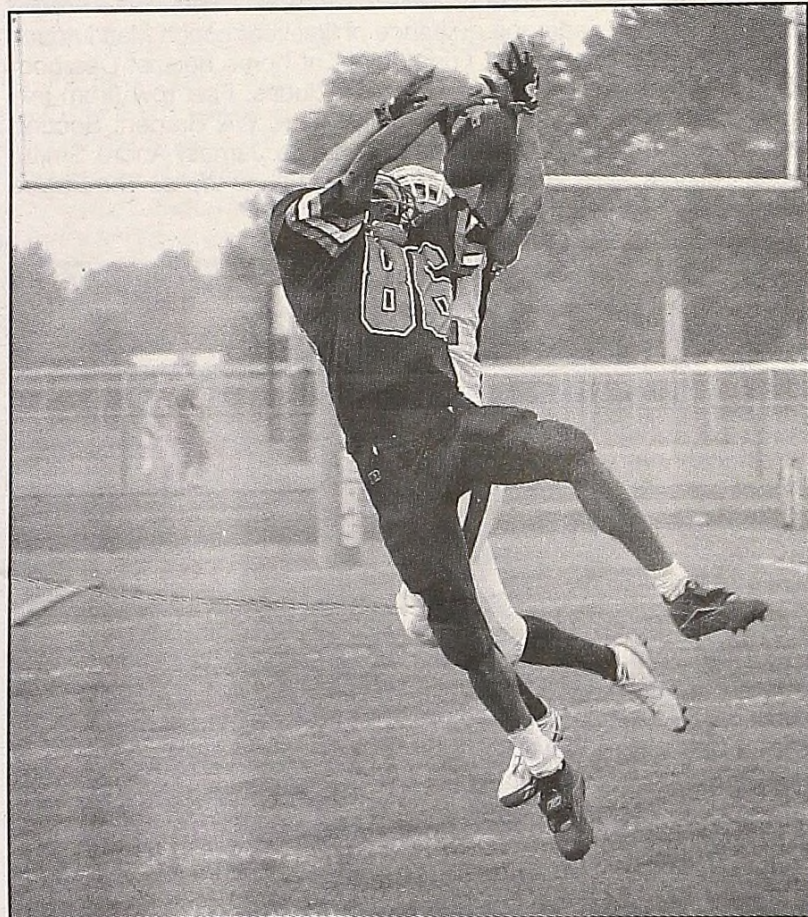
Belleville heads to Southgate for a 7 p.m. kickoff on tomorrow.

"Our kids will work hard and,

I think, they will respond and they'll bounce back," LaPointe said.

John Glenn will host state runner-up Canton at 7 p.m. tonight.

"We're just going to go back and practice and continue to work on the things we feel we need to work on and we'll play the best we can Friday night and we're going to do that every Friday."



Anthony Wafer (above) leaps after a ball while defending a Glenn receiver in Friday night's loss. Belleville's defensive back Jacquais Dukes (above right) waits as Glenn runner Jon Hankins breaks through the defense.



More scores

Canton toppled host Ann Arbor Pioneer, 35-0, in the teams' opener on Friday night. Junior running back Dalton Walser trounced the Pioneers for 95 yards on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns. **Northville** couldn't hold up against South Lyon on Friday. Lions' quarterback Larue Boudreaux led South Lyon to a 47-21 win. He rushed five times for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Mustang Dittrick Williams accumulated 184 yards on 27 carries and two touchdowns for Northville. Hudsonville's had two key interceptions from Jon Tanis to knock off **Plymouth**, 28-13, at the Big Day Prep Showdown 2 at Eastern Michigan University on Saturday.

Monday Soccer:

Canton defeated Livonia Stevenson, 3-1. Ryan Dugan, Andy Huang and Keith Campbell each scored for the Chiefs.

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- 89. Apartments for Rent
- 90. Condos/Townhouses for Rent
- 92. Business Places for Rent
- 93. Banquet Halls
- 94. Farm Land for Rent
- 95. Real Estate
- 96. Houses for Rent
- 97. Cottages for Rent

- 98. Mobile Homes for Rent
- 99. Flats for Rent
- 100. Will Share
- 101. Wanted to Rent
- 102. Storage
- 103. Business Property for Sale
- 104. Farms & Acreage for Sale
- 105. Mobile Homes for Sale
- 106. Houses for Sale
- 107. Condos/Townhouses for Sale
- 108. Lake and Resort
- 109. Income Property

- 110. Lots for Sale
- 111. Out of State Property
- 112. Commercial Lease
- 113. Real Estate Wanted
- 114. Auto Accessories
- 115. Autos for Sale
- 116. Antique & Classic Cars
- 117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
- 118. Freebies
- 119. Auto Repairs
- 120. Motorcycles
- 121. Autos Wanted

2. In Memoriam



IN LOVING MEMORY
RICHARD T SUTTON III
OCT. 3, 1971 - AUG. 27,
2005

"Your always in our hearts"
We Love & Miss You!

If I knew it would be
The last time, I'd see
You walk out the door
I would hug and kiss
You and call you back
for more, Tomorrow is
never promised to any-
one, young & old alike
And today may be the
Last chance you get to
Hold your loved one
Tight, so if you're waiting
For tomorrow, why
Not do it today
For it tomorrow never
Comes, you'll surely

Regret the day
So hold your loved one
Close today and
Whisper in their ear
Tell them how much
You love them and that
You'll hold them dear
Take time to say "I'm
Sorry", "Thank You,"
"Please forgive me",
or "It's Ok", And if
tomorrow never comes
you'll have no regrets
about today.

---Anonymous---

30. Help Wanted

Commercial Cleaning
Firm
Seeking to fill custodial
position at local company.
Call: 248-399-8177

NOW HIRING: Companies
desperately need
employees to assemble
products at home.
No Selling, any hours
\$500 weekly potential
Info. 985-646-1700
Dept. MI-1245

Small Plymouth Co.
seeks person for cust.
service/lgt. assy.
M-F 8:30-5:00
\$8.75/hr. plus benefits
Email resume to:
mlew@thetstampmaker.com

32. Help Wanted Drivers

Cheerleading Coaching
Positions: Youth activities
organizationis looking for
responsible, energetic
individuals with
cheerleading experience.
Must enjoy working with
children and have excel-
lent communication skills.
Part time evenings.
Call: 800-940-7469 ext-204

DRIVERS WANTED
2 years exp. required,
Class A CDL Automotive
company experience pre-
ferred. Call: 734-955-5560
or
734-231-4969

Call 734-467-1900
to place your ad.

34. Specialized Services

Need help looking for
someone in your family
tree? Want to know where
great-grandpa was born?
Local genealogy services
available at very reason-
able rates. Call 734-260-
1069 for more info.

40. Business Opportunity

AVON
Needs Reps.
NOW!!!
Earn up to 50%
Heather 734-765-4496

AVON Representatives
Needed Now!
Career or Hobby,
You Decide.
Call District Manager
(866)838-AVON (2866)

Earn \$500 Daily!
1800-910-1980
FREE 24 Hr. Recorded
Message VIP Code 15512

Earn Extra Money
Full / Part Time
Home Based Business
Call: 734-890-1250

34. Specialized Services

THE JEFFERY COMPANY
BLACK TOP PAVING CONTRACTORS

Parking Lots • Driveways • Seal Coat • Striping

734-676-5630

BRATCHER ELECTRIC
COMPLETE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SINCE 1956

Remodeling • Service • City Repairs

734-722-0037
35728 Van Born • Wayne

42. Health and Fitness

NEED MEDICAL
SUPPLIES???

Free medical supplies and
equipment for your use.
Walkers, canes, wheel-
chairs, crutches,
to name just a few.

DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL
SUPPLIES THAT YOU DO
NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO
WITH???

Donate your supplies out-
right to the
"Medical Supply Sharing
Ministry."

Whether you need sup-
plies, or have supplies to
donate, or have questions
about the program, call
Cathy at 734-699-5565

44. Music Lessons

Piano Lessons
Specializing in beginners
24 yrs. in education
10 yrs. private piano
Located in Northville
Call: 248-449-7796
or 571-276-3603

Worship Directory

Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church

DISTRICT ELDER LUKE A. MCCLENDON, PASTOR

Sunday (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)
Christian Education (9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Morning Worship Service (11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

Nursery Room Available for Children 4 Years of Age and Under
29124 Eton Street • Westland, MI 48186 • 734-326-3833



Morningstar Church

28563 Pardo
Garden City, MI 48135
734-367-3029

50. Pets & Supplies

Kittens
2 chocolate seal
Himalayan males
1 marbled Persian female
All 8 weeks old
First shots, litter trained
No papers
734-394-0217

58. Garage and Yard Sales

Huge Yard Sale
Lots of movies & misc.
4830 Harrison, Wayne
(S. of Annapolis bet.
Gloria & Hayes)
Sept. 1, 2 & 3
9am-5pm

59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given
that on 9/21/06 at 1:30pm,
the following will be sold
by competitive bidding at:
The Storroom Self Storage
40600 Michigan Ave.
Canton, Michigan

Space #932
Cynthia Marie Solomon
Misc. sm. appliances,
TV/Electronics, hshld. fur-
nishings, hshld goods,
boxes/bags, clothing,
hand tools, other misc.
items

Space #1413
Johnnie Strivers
Hshld. appliances, misc.
sm. appliances, hshld. fur-
nishings, hshld. goods,
boxes/bags, toys, hand
tools, power tools, other
misc. items

Space #210
Virginia Rushlow
Hshld. appliances, misc.
sm. appliances,
TV/Electronics, hshld. fur-
nishings, boxes/bags,
clothing, toys, hand tools

Space #602B
Heather Kight
Hshld. furnishings, hshld.
goods, boxes/bags, cloth-
ing, toys, other misc. items

Space #1009B
Connie Lewis
Misc. sm. appliances,
hshld. goods, boxes/bags,
off. equip., other misc.
items

Notice is hereby given
that on 9/20/06 at 1:00pm,
the following will be sold
by competitive bidding at:

Stor-N-Lock
7840 N. Wayne Rd.
Westland, MI

Unit K-9, Susan
Mortonson: Boxes/Bags,
other misc. items, misc.
sm. appliances, hshld.
goods, toys; Unit E-15,
Quintile Croford: hshld.
appliances, misc. sm.
appliances, TV/Electronics,
hshld. goods, boxes/bags,
recreation equip., other
misc. items; Unit J-17,
Michelle OBrien: misc. sm.
appliances, hshld. furnis-
hings, hshld. goods,
boxes/bags, clothing, toys,
office equip., exercise
equip., other misc. items;
Unit F-13, Ernest Hudgins:
TV/Electronics, hshld.
goods, boxes/bags, toys,
hand tools, recreation
equip., other misc. items;
Unit D-13, Daniel Brewer:
misc. sm. appliances,
hshld. furnishings,
boxes/bags, power tools,
recreation equip., other
misc. items; M-12,
Diondey Ellis: misc. sm.
appliances, TV/Electronics,
hshld. furnishings, hshld.
goods, boxes/bags, cloth-
ing, toys, other misc.
items; Unit P-7G, Paula M.
Coley: hshld. furnishings,

hshld. goods, boxes/bags,
toys, hand tools, other
misc. items; Unit D-28, L.
Kai Hopkins: misc. sm.
appliances, TV/Electronics,
hshld. furnishings, hshld.
goods, boxes/bags, recre-
ation equip., snow removal
equip., other misc. items

Notice of Public Sale
On Sept. 21, 2006 at
12:30pm
U-Store-It 401
28266 Ecorse Road,
Romulus, MI 48174 with
reserve, will sell by the unit
to the highest bidder by
CASH all rights, title and
interest to the following
property of:

Patricia Mercedes Prell,
C41: heater, toys, furniture,
misc., Johnnie Brown,
D91: boxes, bags, totes,
Mitchell D. Leach, D8: lad-
der, paint cans, chairs,
misc., Brian Keith Helka,
D75: furniture, boxes,
bowling ball, misc.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Sept. 17, 10:00AM
Fort Knox Self Storage
39205 Ford Rd., Westland
(734) 981-0700
www.fortknoxmi.com

In accordance with
Michigan law, Fort Knox
Self Storage will sell to the
highest bidder, the entire
contents of each of the fol-
lowing storage units. All
units contain common
household goods unless
otherwise noted:

#333-S. Rigney
#235-J. Delorenzo
#366-F. Massaquoi
#284-W. Montgomery
#220-D. Tozer
#465-C. Starbuck
#253-S. Bozarth
#271-M. Houston
#490-R. Quinn
#378-Fowler Inc.

Public Auto Auction
Sept. 6, 2006
8:00 AM
Westland Service Towing
300 S. Newburgh
Westland, MI 48186

84 Chevy Van
2GCEG25H5E4157934
94 Ford T-Bird 2Dr
1FALP6246RH135922
77 GMC Motor Home
T6R3374512909
94 Chevy Camaro 2Dr
2G1FP22SXR2201845
66 Cadillac 4Dr
F6159197
88 Toyota Camry 4Dr
JT2SV22E8J0165755
87 Honda Accord 4Dr
JHMCA5543HC012283
91 Ford Taurus 4Dr
1FACP54Y4MA222214
96 Ford Escort 2Dr
1FASP11J2TW175374
1FASPT11J2TW175374
1G2AM37R4EP789059
91 Mitsubishi Eclipse 2Dr
4A3CS44T9ME091438
91 Volvo 740 4Dr Wagon
YV1FA8754M1327907
84 Porsche 944 2Dr
WP0AA0943EN456091
71 Mercedes Benz 280 4Dr
10806712001727

Note: Vehicles are Canton
impounds

Public Auto Auction
September 12, 2006
10:00AM
Westland Service Towing
300 S. Newburgh
Westland, MI 48186

91 Ford Explorer 4Dr
1FMDU34X8MUA35376
95 Mercury Sable 4Dr
1MELM5840SG647030
Yamaha Jet Ski
YAMA5188E696
90 Lincoln TC 4Dr
1LNCM81F7LY774072
94 Ford Tempo 4Dr

2FAPP36X7RB104776
96 Chrysler NY 4Dr
2C3HC46F0TH106255
99 Dodge Intrepid 2Dr
2BHD46RXXH540225
90 Ford Ranger PU
1FTCR10A0LUB11954
89 Chevy SW
1GBEG25H4K7175667
91 Lincoln TC 4Dr
1LNCM81W0MY625245
93 Mercury Villager
4M2DV11W6PDJ20085
93 Ford Escort 4Dr
1FAPP14J9PW102994
79 Ford Fairmont 4Dr
9X92Y259364
94 Pontiac Grand Prix 2Dr
1G2WJ12M9RF223486
89 Honda Prelude 2Dr
JHMBAA4122KC006914
93 Pontiac Sunbird 2Dr
1G2JC14H8P7590570
94 Plymouth Duster 2Dr
1P3AP6435RN237798
89 Ford Van
1FTEE14Y5KHC30473
88 Pontiac Gr. Am 2Dr
1G2NE14D4JC820130
95 Chevy S-10 PU
1GCCS1445SK102671
93 Ford Taurus 4Dr
1FACP52U6PG156993
92 Ford Escort 4Dr
3FAPP13J9NR110143
99 Plymouth Neon 4Dr
3P3ES47Y7XT523418
98 Cadillac DeVille 4Dr
1G6KD54Y7WU757833

Note: Vehicles are
Westland impounds

60. Misc. Sales

Moving Sale
49905 Bog Rd.
Belleville
Fri, Sat., Sun., Mon.
Sept. 1 - 4
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Furniture, kitchen items,
toys, baby items,
boys/girls/baby clothing,
plus much more

61. Misc. Items

1 set 2pc Queen Pillow
Top
New in plastic
Sacrifice \$125
Can deliver
734-891-8481

1 set 3pc King Pillow Top
Mattress
New in plastic
Sacrifice \$195
734-891-8481

7-Piece Cherry Bedroom
Suite
Headboard, 2 night
stands, frame, dresser,
mirror and chest
Sacrifice \$650
Delivery available
734-637-2012

A "NEW" NASA memory
foam mattress & box set.
All brand new in plastic
with 10 yr. full manufactur-
ers warranty.
Value \$2,200.00 Sacrifice
for \$500.00
Delivery available
(734) 721-3799

Cherry Sleigh bed &
Pillow Top Mattress
New boxed
Retail \$1K
Only \$395
734-891-8481

Full size mattress set.
"New" Still in wrapper
w/warranty
Sacrifice \$100
734-891-8481

GE Side/side refrigerator
21.6 cu.ft.
Water/ice on door
Almond
\$300.00
734-325-2369

KING Size Orthopedic
Mattress and Split Box Set.
Brand "NEW" in plastic
with full factory warranty.
Delivery Available.
Sacrifice \$275.00
(734) 326-2744

NEW Queen Size
Orthopedic Pillow Top
Mattress and Box Set.
Brand New in plastic with
full manufacturer warranty.
Can deliver.
ONLY \$195.00
(734) 637-2012

SOFA & LOVESEAT
Micro-Fiber/Beige
Life-Time warranty on
frame and fabric warranty.
NEW in crate.
Delivery Available.
Sacrifice for
ONLY \$495.00
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**66. Landscape/
Nurseries**

TOPSOIL
3yds. \$90
5yds. \$115

MICHIGAN PEAT
3yds. \$110
5yds. \$150

Cost inc. delivery to
West Plymouth area

Green Giant Landscape
734-459-1640

87. Rooms For Rent

AAA Willow Acres
Motel, low daily and
weekly rates.
Refrigerator, microwave,
HBO.
Call 734-721-1220
Tel-96 Inn
313-535-4100
Fairlane in Novi
248-347-9999
Days Inn/Sunrise-Motel
734-427-1300

ROOM FOR RENT
Wayne
\$85/weekly
All utilities included.
Call 734-721-0232.

**88. Duplexes
For Rent**

WESTLAND
2223 Delton Ct.,
Wildwood/Palmer area 3
Bedroom, shed
\$675/month
\$325 Security Deposit
Call 734-522-1512

WESTLAND
2BR Duplexes
900-1,100 sq. ft.
Updated & freshly painted
Sec. 8 welcome
Starting at \$525
plus sec. dep.
Full Time Mgt./maint. staff
Call 734-507-9149

WESTLAND-NORWAYNE
Call for list of
available 2 & 3 BR
duplexes, and single
family homes. Section
8 vouchers welcome.
Lead safe units available.
Professional full-time
management.
Norplex Associates
734-722-6444
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**89. Apartments
For Rent**

PLYMOUTH
Under New Management
McCool Apartments
Spacious 1 & 2 BR Apts.
All Appliances
Assigned Parking
734-582-9656

WAYNE
Near Wayne Road Quiet
and clean
1-bedroom. Heat and
water included.
Ideal for singles and
retirees.
No Pets
\$450 moves you in
with approved credit
Sec. 8 welcome
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WAYNE, MI
Quiet 1 Bedroom
Well maintained
Heat/water/A/C inc.
No pets
Great for singles & retirees
\$470/month
1/2 OFF 1ST MONTH
Call a manager @
734-729-2108 or
734-718-9521
or owner @
734-878-0859

**96. Houses
For Rent**

INKSTER
29531 Glenwood
W. of Middlebelt
2BR, 1BA
Fenced yard
Sec. 8 welcome
\$575/month. plus sec.
Call 734-522-1512

INKSTER
3 Brm available now
Fenced for pets
\$575
INKSTER
3 Brm near school
Basement, fenced
\$650
Many Homes Available
RENTAL
PROFESSIONALS
734-513-RENT

INKSTER
3BR w/family room
Fenced yard/No Pets
Stove & Refrig. inc.
Sec. 8 welcome
\$750/month. plus sec.
Call 734-834-0118 or
313-433-4702

ROMULUS
4 Brm, basement, garage
Appliances, Sec. 8 ok
\$750
BELLEVILLE
3 Brm, appliances, Pets ok
Option 2 buy
\$900
RENTAL
PROFESSIONALS
734-513-RENT

WAYNE
3002 Gloria
2 BR, full basement,
C/A, No pets
Lease agreement
Subject to credit check
\$760/month plus sec.
1ST MONTH'S RENT
FREE
Call: 734-483-9600

WAYNE
Bungalow, appliances
Garage, new carpet
\$590
WAYNE
Bungalow, pets negot.
Option to buy
\$695
All Cities Available
RENTAL
PROFESSIONALS
734-513-RENT

WESTLAND
3 Brm, remodeled
Fenced 4 pets
\$725
WESTLAND
Ranch, garage
Fenced yard
\$675
Several Homes
Available
RENTAL
PROFESSIONALS
734-513-RENT

WESTLAND
Very clean 2 bedroom
ranch,
Finished basement,
All appliances, C/A, Pets
negotiable
\$750/month plus
\$750 sec. dep.
Section 8 ok
Call 734-397-8187

**105. Mobile
Homes-Lots**

CANTON
Owner financed
2&3 BR Mobile Homes
as low as \$100/mon.
plus lot rental
Call Jim:
313-277-1907

**106. Houses For
Sale**

INKSTER
28151 Cherry St.
2 BR 1 BA Ranch
Dining room, large laund
rm, 2.5 car gar
\$75,000
Call: 313-729-3032 or
Keller-Williams at
734-266-9000

INKSTER
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Wayne/Westland Schools
3 bedroom Bungalow,
Many new updates.
Section 8 welcome
\$970/month plus sec.
Option to buy
Call: 734-637-0231

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Quiet, clean homeowner
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New roof, siding, windows
and carpeting.
Freshly painted.
2-car garage, fenced yard,
full basement

Price Just Reduced!
\$67,900
Must See!

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Call 313-584-5400 and ask
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ATTRACTS
MORE READERS!

WESTLAND
2nd owner home
Completely updated and
remodeled,
2BR 1BA 2.5 car garage
New oak cabinets, sink,
disposal, countertop, bath
vanity
New Wallside windows
with Bay in living room
Newer furnace, C/A, hot
water heater
New carpet & ceramic tile
Freshly painted
Over \$25,000 invested
Must see to appreciate!
Asking \$97,900 OBO
Call: 734-716-0267

WESTLAND
401 N. Sybald
(N. off Cherry Hill-
W. of Newburgh)
734-595-0989

Spacious 3BR Colonial
Built in 1995

2 car attached garage,
basement,
hardwood floors through-
out, family room w/fire-
place & built-in shelving
Oversized wooded lot
Large cedar deck
Great Neighborhood!

\$205,000

**115. Autos For
Sale**

1992 Pontiac Bonneville
Very good cond.
Needs battery & alternator
3800 Engine
Must Sell
\$1,400 OBO
Serious buyers only
Call: 734-942-3027
and ask for Dennis

121. Autos Wanted

Top \$\$\$ Paid
For Junk, Disabled or
Wrecked Cars
Drive it in or we'll pick it up
CTS AUTO PARTS
16007 Pardee, Taylor
(Just North of Wm. F. Sell)
(734) 282-1700

Call 734-467-1900
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Available Homes call Belinda at 734-697-5801

**No Payments Until Next Year!* See Franklin Homes For Details. Offer Ends 9/30/06.*



215 Sugarbush*, 1992 Victorian 2 bdrm/2 bath, 28x56, fireplace, shed, deck and appl. **Only \$18,900**



347 Ivy Drive*, 1988 Walden, 28x60, 3 bdrm/2 bath. **Only \$32,000**



32 Ponderosa N*, 97 Fleetwood 28x56, 3 bdrm/2, bath+Den. **Only \$37,000**



162 Ponderosa Trail South*, 3 bdrm/2bath, 1995 Fleetwood, 28x48 with appliances. **Only \$34,000**



306 Holly*, 3 bdrm/2 bath, 1987 Fairmont with appliances. **Only \$27,000**



3423 Carpenter 14B, 1989 Sterling, 28x56, 3 bdrm/2bath appl. incl. **Only \$32,000 OBO**

Attention Belleville Manor Residents

Refer someone to Franklin Homes and we will pay you \$500 when they close on their home

Franklin Homes at Van Buren Estates

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Available Homes call Belinda at 734-697-5801

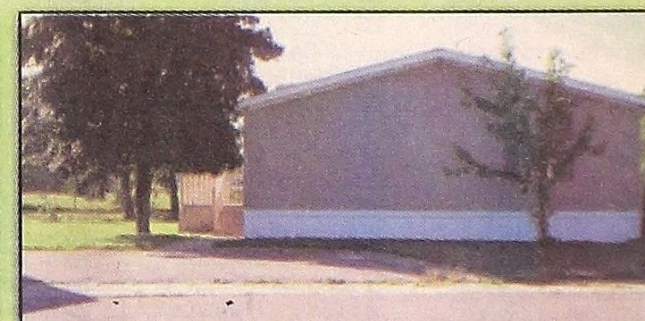
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19 Birch*, 2000 Dutch, 28x64 4 bdrm/2 bath. **Only \$39,000**



86 Maple*, 1973 Skyline 2 bdrm/1 bath shed. **Only \$6,000**



15 Maple*, 1998 Fleetwood, 3bdrm/2bath. **Only \$33,900** See website for new info



24 Ash*, 1988 Victorian, 2 bdrm/2 bath, shed. **Only \$15,000**



54 Maple*, 1998 Redman, 3 bdrm/2 bath. **Only \$25,000**



24 Birch*, 99 Fairmont 3 bdrm/2 bath. **Only \$35,000**

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